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AGENDA ITEM 6a

TO: MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE

- I. SUBJECT:** PERS Select Implementation Update
- II. PROGRAM:** Health Benefits
- III. RECOMMENDATION:** Information Only
- IV. ANALYSIS:**

At the May 2007 Board of Administration Meeting, the new self-funded, Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) basic health plan option, PERS Select was approved. The PERS Select plan will be available to all CalPERS members beginning January 1, 2008. The PERS Select plan is administered by Blue Cross of California and the benefits mirror the PERS Choice plan.

Blue Cross of California will provide information on their marketing strategy used to introduce the PERS Select plan to the membership; address the basis for member enrollment expectation, and the resulting low enrollment; and, update the savings based on PERS Select migration.

Additionally, Blue Cross of California will discuss future strategies for increasing Providers for the PERS Select Network as well as continuing engagements with members and employers.

Mr. Steve Scott, General Manager, Blue Cross of California, will make a presentation about the enrollment into the plan, communication efforts to introduce the plan, an overview of other Blue Cross network plan designs, as well as Blue Cross' expectations for future growth.

V. STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports CalPERS Strategic Plan Goal 12 – “Engage and influence the health care marketplace to provide medical care that optimizes quality, access, and cost.”

VI. RESULTS/COSTS:

This is an information item only.

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Attachment